

ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

PROPERTY NAME Shekels House	
LOCATION 226 South Cortez	
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY Prescott	COUNTY Yavapai
OWNER George Allan, Sr.	
OWNER'S ADDRESS P.O. Box 1410 Prescott, AZ 86302	
FORM COMPLETED BY Yavapai Heritage Foundation	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 61 Prescott, AZ 86302	
PHOTO BY Ken Kimsey	DATE 1975
VIEW Front Facade from east	
PRESENT USE Residential	ACREAGE
STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD Early territorial frame cottage	
SIGNIFICANT DATES Built between 1872 and 1882	

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CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The building is a one-story wood frame structure. The original floor plan was probably a simple L with outside dimensions of 30 feet by 20 feet. Later additions have increased the depth of the house by approximately 18 feet. Other changes include replacement of a front window, removal of a chimney, and new roofing material. The use of wood to represent quoins at the corners of the structure is an interesting detail. So, too, is the jigsaw work under the eaves of the front gable. Detailing on the porch is little more than the use of molding to accentuate the architrave.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Noah C. Shekels House is a fine and rare example of the wood frame dwellings built for middle class families in Prescott before the arrival of the railroad. The house was probably built by T.P. Seely in the decade before 1885. A few years later, he made a fortune due to his ownership of the Crown King mine. The building itself, deserves recognition. In contrast to earlier plans the house is oriented so that the gable is off center and the entry is marked by a porch across the front. Classical models are acknowledged by several details although no attempt is made to use the gable as a pediment. Although a number of changes have been made to the house, the integrity of the design is intact.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 7; Block 20
Original Townsite.

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